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## NEWS

### *Chemicals*

**Chemchina's Syngenta Takeover Aligns With Mega-Merger**  
China National Chemical Corp.'s potential merger with another state-owned enterprise isn't likely to derail the company's \$43 billion takeover of Swiss seed and pesticide maker Syngenta AG, according to analysts and...

### *Climate Regulation*

**Agriculture Group Sues EPA on Aircraft Endangerment Finding**

Agriculture advocates urged a federal appeals court Oct. 14 to review the Environmental Protection Agency's recent finding that greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft endanger human health and the environment (Biogenic CO2 Coal....

### *Climate Regulation*

**EPA Overstepping Authority to Foster Clean Power, Court Told**

The Environmental Protection Agency is overstepping its Clean Air Act authority to discourage construction of new coal-fired power plants in favor of cleaner generation sources the agencies prefers, opponents of carbon dioxide limits...

### *Coal Mining*

**Grijalva: Reid's Departure Could Open Path for Mining Reform**

The retirement of Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.), coupled with a likely shift in the makeup of the House, could clear the way for royalty legislation to address abandoned mine cleanups in the next session of Congress, Rep. Raúl...

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### *Coal Mining*

#### **Lighthouse Resources Exits Columbia River Coal Project**

Lighthouse Resources Inc. abandoned a proposal to construct a coal-export terminal on the Columbia River that had been denied a permit by state regulators, saying that it has instead begun exporting to South Korea through a port near Vancouver,...

### *Drinking Water*

#### **Activists Press Court to Compel EPA Perchlorate Rule**

The Natural Resources Defense Council wants a federal court in New York to compel the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate perchlorate in drinking water, according to a legal filing by the advocacy group Nat. Res. Def. Council v. EPA...

### *Energy*

#### **China Mega-Merger Seen as Challenge to Oil-Refinery Giants**

A merger of Sinochem Group and China National Chemical Corp. would create a new oil-refining challenger to established state-run behemoths that dominate the country's fuel-making business....

### *Energy*

#### **France's Lowest Hydro Levels for 10 Years Add to Nuclear Woes**

France's lowest water reservoir levels in a decade are helping to bolster power prices that are 50 percent above last year's levels even as a reduction in nuclear supply is expected to ease....

### *Energy*

#### **Nuclear Power Is 'Unsung Hero' in Energy Mix: New NEI Chief**

Ensuring the wholesale energy markets value nuclear energy for its zero-carbon emissions is the top priority for Maria Korsnick, the incoming president and CEO of the Nuclear Energy Institute.

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### *Enforcement*

#### **Cement Plant Pollution Control May Fall Short of EPA Goal**

The Environmental Protection Agency could fall well short of its goal to control air pollution from 85 percent of cement plants by the end of fiscal year 2016, according to preliminary data....

### *Hydraulic Fracturing*

#### **Oil Companies Seek to Preempt Anti-Fracking Campaigns**

Oil companies, including Anadarko and Whiting, are pushing a ballot measure to amend Colorado's constitution so that others would find it harder to do the same, a preemptive bid to discourage future campaigns against hydraulic fracturing....

### *Hydraulic Fracturing*

#### **Shale Coalition Sues Pennsylvania Over Gas Regulations**

A coalition of natural gas developers sued Pennsylvania over the state's new oil and gas regulations, arguing that several of its provisions are costly, unclear and unlawful and conflict with other statutes ( Marcellus Shale Coalition...

#### *NAFTA*

##### **NAFTA Panel Awards Energy Company \$21M for Blocked Project**

A dispute resolution panel has awarded New York-based Windstream Energy LLP a record C\$28.1 million (\$21.4 million) for a project it couldn't build when Ontario imposed a 2011 moratorium on new offshore wind farms....

#### *Oil & Gas*

##### **Federal Oil Lease Sales Moved Out of Harm's, Activists' Way**

Four auctions of federal oil and gas leases have been rescheduled for December with the proviso that they will be online auctions....

#### *Pesticides*

##### **DuPont Seeks Buyer for Herbicides Unit to Ease Dow Merger**

DuPont Co. is planning to sell a business making herbicides to help reduce potential antitrust sticking points in a \$59 billion merger with U.S. competitor Dow Chemical Co., according to people with knowledge of the situation....

#### *Pesticides*

##### **Scientific Review of Monsanto's Roundup Postponed by EPA**

The Environmental Protection Agency has postponed a scheduled meeting of a scientific panel that was reviewing the cancer-causing potential of the weed killer glyphosate, the most widely used pesticide in the world. ...

#### *Pipeline Safety*

##### **Pipeline Regulator Offers Guidance for Firms on Fines**

Pipeline operators stand to see higher penalties but also more guidance about how they are determined, according to a notice by federal regulators....

#### *Radioactive Waste*

##### **Government Owes Entergy \$34M for Not Storing Nuclear Waste**

The Energy Department owes Entergy Nuclear Indian Point 2, LLC approximately \$34.4 million in damages for the department's failure to remove spent nuclear fuel from the Indian Point Unit 2 reactor located outside of New York City (Entergy...

#### *Renewable Energy*

##### **SolarReserve Planning World's Largest Solar Farm for \$5B**

A developer's closely held California renewable-energy project would become the world's largest solar farm in the Nevada desert, a \$5 billion project that would rival the capacity of two nuclear power plants....

#### *Trade*

##### **India 'Evaluating' Ruling That Solar Program Violates Trade Rules**

India said it is "evaluating" a recent World Trade Organization ruling that the country's domestic solar policies violated international trade rules and would inform the Geneva-based trade body whether it will comply within...

#### *Water Infrastructure*

##### **Water Infrastructure Program Rules Expected in November: EPA**

Rules to establish a water infrastructure program that could fund more than \$1 billion in projects nationwide could be issued before Thanksgiving, an Environmental Protection Agency lawyer said....

#### *Water Pollution*

##### **Montana Nutrient Plan for Waters Draws National Interest**

Concerns about the "chilling effect" of a federal lawsuit challenging Montana's flexible approach to meeting water quality standards for nutrients has prompted a municipal wastewater utility group to intervene on behalf...

## **SPECIAL REPORT**

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#### *Climate Change*

##### **Delta Dilemma: Environmental Stresses Threaten Mighty Mekong**

Ky Quang Vinh recalls his childhood in the 1960s in Vietnam's Mekong Delta as an idyllic time, even under the cloud of war. When choppers weren't roaring overhead, when communists weren't toting arms to their southern strongholds,...

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